Raising of Guarantee amount for PCOs

1606. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum amount of guarantee in respect of private guaranteed CCB PCOs has been raised from Rs. 100 to Rs. 500 per month from 1st September, 1986.

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to lower the increased amount, as public telephones are a source of social service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Only in Bombay Telephones for private Guaranteed CCB PCOs at non-residential premises.

(b) Bombay has a very high waiting list and shortage of telephones. The PCOs are a means to make the facility available to the public but in respect of the guaranteed PCOs at non-residential private premises, in some cases a tendency for free access to the members of the public being not available has been noticed. It was, therefore, felt that increase in guarantee money would stimulate greater accessability.

(c) No, Sir.

Communal Clashes

1607. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of places where communal clashes took place in the recent weeks: and

(b) whether the causes of these clashes have been investigated and any remedial measures taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Attention in this connection is invited to the reply tendered in respect of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 399 on 6th November, 1986.

Associations receiving Foreign Funds

1608. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of associations in the country receiving foreign funds for their religious, social and educational activities have been indulging in activities prejudicial to country's interests;

(b) if so, what are the names of such associations, the countries from these associations receive funds stating the annual amount received by each of the associations during 1985 and 1986 till date and the nature of the activities other than those for which funds are received are being carried out by them; and

(c) the manner in which Government proposes to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such case has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Purchase of Super Computers from US

1609. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India propose to buy super computers from the United States;